

Wilton Water Commission

June 26, 2002

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Jim Tuttle; Tom Herlihy & Charlie McGettigan.

CLERK: Diane Nilsson

AUDIENCE PRESENT: None

Jim Tuttle called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Minutes - May 29, 2002

MOTION: Mr. McGettigan moved to accept the 5/29/02 minutes as written. Mr. Herlihy seconded and

all were in favor.

New Business

2. Tom Quinn, president of New Spartan Properties, LLC, brought a site plan of his gravel operation on Route 31 south, and explained that his company would like to revise its excavation permit in order to be able to excavate its property to the property line of the Wilton Water Works wellhead protection land and slope the remaining excavation into the property of the Wilton Water wellhead protection land. He stated that the material within the slope would remain the property of the Town of Wilton, however New Spartan would be happy to purchase any remaining materials from the Town.

The planning board has required Mr. Quinn to leave a 2 to 1 slope at the gravel site when he has completed the gravel extracting operation. What he is asking to do is to put the 2 to 1 slope on the Town of Wilton property instead of his property. He also noted that when the operation is over, he will have lowered the highest point of the property by 50 feet. Mr. Herlihy expressed concern about the health and safety of the well recharge areas for both wells, which may be affected by the gravel operation. He said that the best thing to do would be to take a tour of the operation. The board agreed to meet Mr. Quinn at the site on Sunday, June 30, to see the operation.

The board discussed how to deal with this request. They agreed to first find the bounds, second have a survey done and then, if needed, have an environmental impact study done.

3. Darryl Markaverich came before the board to express concern about people swimming in the new reservoir. He said that he has observed, and a friend of his who fishes there has observed many people swimming & people bringing their dogs to swim. He said that people also go there to party and leave beer cans and all over the place. He said he drove by at 8:30 p.m. Friday night (June 21) and there were 8 cars there. He also said that kids have attached a rope swing to a dead tree that hangs over the water, and people have also built a platform in the woods on which to hold their parties. Mr. Markaverich said that the problem is getting progressively worse.

The board discussed improving the fencing around the reservoir and cutting down the dead tree, but agreed that until the police start enforcing the "no swimming" policy with hefty fines, the problem will continue.

Mr. Markaverich suggested discontinuing Sand Hill Road and putting gates at both ends. This would make it less convenient for parties to get their coolers of beer on to the site.

Mr. Markaverich also said that the cable on the Sand Hill Road entrance to the old reservoir has not been replaced since it was cut by the fire dept. a few years ago and cars are driving up

that road now.

Mr. McGettigan said that he will check out and replace cable, if needed, at both entrances to old reservoir.

Mr. Herlihy said that he will draft a letter to the police and the selectmen about the enforcement issue at the new reservoir.

4. Mr. McGettigan said that Dennis Maki doesn't want to do the Eastview job until a new trench box is purchased. The current one is too heavy. The current trench box cost \$1,965 and Prescott will give \$1,375 in trade toward an aluminum 6 X 6 trench box which costs \$3,800 for a used rental model.

This will leave a balance due of \$2,425.

MOTION: Mr. Herlihy moved to authorize Mr. McGettigan to spend up to \$2,500 in a swap of the steel trench box for a used aluminum one, provided that Mr. McGettigan is sure that our backhoe can lift it and that it is in good condition. Mr. Tuttle seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business

5. Capital Reserve Account: Town treasurer, Barry Greene, still has not placed the funds into the Second River Crossing Capital Reserve account that was created over a year ago. Mr. McGettigan was not able to contact him. Mr. Herlihy will try to reach him.

6. Ken Sullivan installation: The board sent Mr. Sullivan a letter asking him to call Mr. Tuttle to set up an appointment with the board. He didn't contact anyone. No action taken.

7. David & Jane Glines complaint: According to Dennis Maki, Mr. Glines did not want the dirt cleaned up on his property. Mr. Tuttle will contact him and find out what the misunderstanding is.

8. Status of current water projects:

- Eastview Gates, Valves & T's – not completed. Mr. McGettigan plans to do this after purchasing new trench box.

- Burns Hill Road extension – completed but not cleaned up. Still need to install blowoff valve @ Sweeney's and/or complete 300' Holt Road loop.

- Maintenance work at new reservoir – not completed. Mr. McGettigan said that he will first locate & fix the leaks and then cut & haul away the brush. No targeted date.

- Fence project at new reservoir – not completed. The board suggested installing 12' gates along with the new fencing. No targeted date.

- Hydrant flushing – not completed. Dennis Maki set to do it week of July 19th

- The Congregational Church needs a gate valve installed to control their sprinkler system. Mr. McGettigan will schedule.

- The Fountainhouse needs a 1" meter and a backflow device. Their plumber will install.

9. Mike Murphy of Ti Sales is willing to meet with the commissioners on Wednesday, July 10th at 3 p.m. Mr.

McGettigan will try to change the time to 4 p.m. or later.

10. Second River Crossing update: Mr. McGettigan will contact George Thayer of Guilford Transportation to find out his feelings relative to directional boring under the RR tracks.

11. Status of water meter installations: 2 meters @ Dick Tuttle's completed, 1 meter @ Blake's & meter @ Ram & Thicket completed. Meters @ unit 10 & unit 28 at Eastview for outdoor sprinkler systems completed. Expansion tank installation @ Firmin's completed.

12. Water Works Regulations: Information has been received from Milford, Merrimack, Greenfield & Peterborough. The board will schedule times to meet and go over the different amounts and types of charges that these towns use and revamp the Wilton charges.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Possible rebates for Marion Mochrie and the Catholic Cemetery.
- Roland LaCroix wants to know if the Water Works would be willing to sell him more bulk water. He is currently paying 3¢/gallon. Mr. McGettigan suggested charging 5¢/gallon. Mr. Herlihy wants to know how much more water he wants to purchase. Mr. McGettigan will follow up on this.

MOTION: Mr. McGettigan moved to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Herlihy seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Nilsson, Clerk

Posted: 7/2/02

ACTION ITEMS

Charlie McGettigan

- Install gate valve at Congregational church.
- Exchange trench boxes
- Re cable the two entrances to the old reservoir
- Ask LaCroix how much more bulk water he wants to purchase.
- Locate valve on Eastview line. Install valves, gateboxes and T's at Eastview section of river crossing
- Install blowoff valve at Sweeney's and/or make the Holt Road loop.
- Contact Mike Murphy of Ti Sales and ask him to reschedule to 4 p.m. or later the meeting with the commissioners on July 10th.
- Report on hydrant flushing
- Complete dam maintenance at new reservoir
- Complete fence project at new reservoir
- Dig up & mark water pipe near Glines property & clean up previous debris.
- Replace and relocate hydrant on Russell Street
- Replace and relocate hydrant on Intervale Road
- Install 6" gate in main line at Dale & Laurel Hill Street

Tom Herlihy

- Draft a letter to the police re: swimmers in the new reservoir
- Contact Barry Greene regarding monies to be deposited in Second River Crossing Capital Reserve acct.
- Research charges from BMI
- Put together specs for painting the standpipe

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Paint Standpipe
- Water line installation & meter @ Sam Proctor's on Madison Street

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